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SUBJECT: JOHN TOWER; SPIN; OO:WMFO.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS
TO BE INTERVIEWED RE THE ACTIVITIES OF FORMER SENATOR JOHN
TOWER WAS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE NO LONGER RESIDES IN NY AND MAY CURRENTLY BE
RESIDING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. HIS FORMER NY EMPLOYER COULD NOT
PROVIDE AN ADDRESS, BUT DID PROVIDE THE NAME OF SOMEONE IN
HOUSTON WHO MAY KNOW [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS.

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[] IS AN ASSOCIATE OF [] WHO IS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF ILLWIND, BECAUSE [] CLAIMS TO HAVE SPENT SOME TIME IN TOWER'S SENATE OFFICE, BUT MAY BE ABLE TO VERIFY THOSE MEETINGS AND MAY KNOW WHAT PROGRAMS OR OTHER MATTERS [] WAS PROMOTING. ALSO, [] MAY BE AWARE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY TOWER FROM [] OR HIS ASSOCIATES.

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HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, TEXAS.

- 1) WILL CONTACT []
[] TELEPHONE [], TO DETERMINE []
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.
 - 2) WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [] REGARDING HIS
KNOWLEDGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO TOWER, PARTICULARLY FROM
[]
 - 3) WILL ALSO ASK ABOUT [] KNOWLEDGE OF TOWER'S
DEALINGS WITH [] CLAIMS TOWER HELPED ONE OF
HIS OIL REFINERIES WITH A PROBLEM IT HAD WITH TESORO
PETROLEUM.
 - 4) WILL OBTAIN COMPLETE DETAILS RE THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN TOWER AND [] INCLUDING ANY MATTERS ON WHICH TOWER
WAS ASKED TO HELP OR DID HELP []
 - 5) WILL ASK IF [] IS AWARE OF ANY CONTRIBUTIONS
MADE BY [] OR HIS COMPANIES TO TOWER.
- SUTEL RESULTS TO WMFO, ATT: SSA [] BY CLOSE OF
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TOWER SPECIAL

This special investigation arises out of the potential nomination of JOHN TOWER as the Secretary of Defense. During the course of the ILLWIND investigation certain information has been obtained containing allegations of impropriety on the part of TOWER. These are only allegations at this point and were generally made second hand. As a result of the SPIN investigation being conducted on TOWER the FBI is going to try to resolve the questions and issues which have arisen out of the ILLWIND investigation.

Toward this end ILLWIND agents (with help as necessary from other WMFO agents) will be conducting a series of interviews to resolve these questions. These assignments will be made by SA [redacted] who will be in charge of the command post during this investigation. The command post will be in the main conference room at the Atrium. During the course of this special inquiry all agents should be on one hour availability. In addition Each agent should advise [redacted] of their whereabouts.

The results of this investigation will be disseminated to FBIHQ, DOJ and possibly the White House. In addition there may be publicity surrounding this investigation and TOWER's possible nomination. Investigation should be conducted accordingly. If there are any media inquiries to any agent the answer should be that we have no comment and any additional inquiries should be addressed to [redacted] WMFO media representative (phone number [redacted])

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SCOPE OF INTERVIEWS

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If at any time during the interviews, the individual being interviewed requests an attorney, or otherwise indicates that he doesn't want to answer questions, the interview should be immediate terminated.

This investigation has to be completed and reported to FBIHQ no later than Monday morning, 12/5/88. THEREFORE ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED AND WRITTEN UP ON AN EXPEDITE BASES. ALL LEADS MUST BE REPORTED INCLUDING NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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John Tower

I. Introduction

Mr. Tower was born 9/29/25. Running as a Texas Republican, Tower was elected to the US Senate in a special election 5/27/61. He was subsequently reelected in 1966, 1972, and 1978. In 1978, Tower was the ranking minority member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and was also on the SASC Subcommittee on General Procurement.

In 1983 Tower was Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee (without a directory, I am not sure, but I assume that Tower became Chairman in 1980, when I believe Republicans gained control of the Senate). At the time he was also a member of the Subcommittees on Strategic and Theater Nuclear Forces and on Sea Power and Force Projection.

Tower left the Senate at the end of the 1984 term; he was then appointed a US Negotiator on strategic arms in Geneva.

Tower was named by President Reagan to head a commission (dubbed the Tower Commission) regarding the Iran/contra affair.

Recently he has been named as President-Elect Bush's likely choice for Secretary of Defense.

II. Illwind investigation

Mr. Tower's name has come up in several contexts during the ILLWIND investigation. Because former Senator Tower's involvement with subjects of ILLWIND arose during his term in the Senate, the interceptions which deal with Tower are of historical interest. For the most part, Tower did not appear to be involved with ILLWIND subjects or their DOD programs contemporaneous with ILLWIND T-III's.

The ILLWIND subjects who have claimed some involvement with Mr. Tower, or who at one time worked directly with him include these:



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The primary role in which Tower allegedly was involved to

the benefit of ILLWIND subjects was on behalf of Sperry. It is known through documents obtained by search and subpoena that Tower, while heading the SASC, supported the funding of the MK 92 fire control upgrade.

During this time period, [redacted] to Sperry. [redacted] and others have referred to [redacted] close connections to Tower. [redacted] also dealt during the T-III with [redacted]. [redacted] allegedly was able to have Tower affect the funding to a program of importance to Sperry. It seems likely that this was the CORT program, but there is only scant evidence upon which to base that speculation.

In addition, Tower was the recipient of campaign contributions made with money from Sperry, and given in violation of FEC rules; however, there is currently no evidence that Tower knew that the contributions were illegally obtained. Sperry employees may also have assisted with at least one of his campaigns in some other fashion.

Finally, [redacted] an individual from Texas who is thought to [redacted] boasted to [redacted] of his personal connections to Tower and of favors Tower had done for him.

The following sections set out in greater detail the alleged involvement of Tower in matters which have arisen in the ILLWIND case, or with subjects of that case.

III. Sperry-Unisys related matters

A. [redacted]

These three individuals were all staff to the SASC when Tower was the ranking minority member of SASC (in 1978). In addition, [redacted] to the SASC subcommittee [redacted] of which Tower was a member.

[redacted] to Sperry Unisys and were all involved in [redacted] scheme for using corporate funds to generate campaign contributions in violation of the FEC rules. [redacted] in particular gave contributions to Tower through the [redacted] operation.

No other information has been identified to date which connects these 3 individuals to activities by Tower while Tower was in the Senate.

B. [redacted]

Analytically, [] information about [] probably comes through [] assertions rather than through first-hand knowledge.

However, the following items support the possibility that [] was involved in some fashion with both Sperry and Tower:

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-- [] received a total of [] from Sperry through []. Most of that money was received in [].

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-- [] was intercepted in conversation with []

--In a conversation with [] on []

C. Connections to Sperry

Aside from the Sperry connections of []

[] records reflect [] designated for Tower, and a folder found in [] was labelled [] for Tower's 1984 Campaign."³

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In addition, a letter from Tower to [] dated 1/26/82, was found in [] office.

Conclusion

There is some circumstantial evidence that Tower, like [] may have been the recipient of generous campaign contributions through Sperry and may have []

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³It can be noted that Tower chose not to run for re-election in 1984.

from the Navy.

Tower would have been an obvious target for attempted influence by Sperry, partly because of his position on SASC, and partly because he apparently had close ties to [redacted]. In addition, [redacted] worked for Tower. In addition, in 1983 at least he was a member of the SASC Subcommittee on Seapower, where legislation concerning MK 92 and CORT would need to originate.

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IV. [redacted]

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5The transcript available for review of this tape needed a lot of corrections, and I was only able to listen to the tape once. As a result, the quotes here could probably be fleshed in better with another listening.

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[redacted] did not follow up on anything with [redacted] apparently frightened off.

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V. Other Matters

An article in the 2/1/88 Legal Times focused on the C-FIN procurement. The article quoted 2 Senate sources as saying that Retired Senator John Tower called the Air Force Undersecretary James McGovern⁷, and SASC Staff Director Arnold Funaro, on behalf of British Aerospace and its subcontractor LTV, in an effort to influence the C-FIN procurement. The article said that Tower was on the board of British Aerospace and was a consultant to LTV.

The article also said that "Tower, who is not registered as a British Aerospace lobbyist or agent, declined repeated requests for comment."

⁶It is possible that [redacted] is affiliated with [redacted] (ph).

⁷It should be noted that [redacted] to the SASC in 1983, when Tower was that committee's chairman.

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From: SAC WMFO (161-19411) (P)

TO: ADIC New York
SAC, Jacksonville

RE: Telcall to SA [REDACTED] (FBINY) on 12/1/88

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Both the ILLWIND investigation and this special TOWER investigation are sensitive matters and are not to be discussed except on a strict need to know basis.

You will be provided a background memo regarding the information concerning TOWER. As with all ILLWIND documents, this is a sensitive document and should not be discussed except on a need to know basis.

The Following individuals names were obtained either through search and subpoena records, or through Title III intercepts in FBI Illwind investigation (Major Case 14). Persons listed are either confirmed or proposed contributors to Senator John Tower, primarily while he acted as Chairmen for the Senate Armed Services Committee in the early 1980's.

1. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NEW YORK. 11743. Had been designated [REDACTED] during a 20K Sperry/Unisys fundraiser. It is unknown presently if he actually did.

[REDACTED] may once have worked at Sperry, but was paid as a [REDACTED] should be asked the circumstances surrounding his contribution to Tower: why did he give the contribution to Tower; did anyone ask, direct, or recommend to him that he do so? If so, who? was the contribution made in return for a favor? Is he aware of any activity by Senator Tower done as a favor for Sperry or anyone else, which was the reason for the contributions being made? How was the contribution delivered (ie, did he personally deliver the contribution, or was his check delivered by another party)? If the latter was the case, describe the mechanism. b6 b7c

2. UNISYS EMPLOYEES (GREAT NECK NEW YORK) VIA ATTORNEY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Certain Sperry employees were asked or directed to make campaign contributions by either [redacted]

employee. These employees were then told to [redacted]

[redacted] This procedure created the appearance of individual contributions, circumventing the FEC laws.

Three such employees, within the [redacted]

[redacted] apparently gave such contributions in 1983:

[redacted]

The Illwind investigation has identified an extensive money laundering network, primarily emanating from Sperry/Univac and Kane Paper in Great Neck and Long Island, New York. These networks are comprised of numerous individuals who receive large sums of money through Purchase Order agreements, many of which were set up to reimburse them for certain directed political contributions. Tower is referenced, in certain investigative data obtained to date, as a recipient of some of these funds; however no information developed has revealed that Tower was aware of these contributions, or took any specific action to benefit the contributors.

These individuals should be asked the circumstances surrounding the contribution: why did they give the contribution to Tower; did anyone ask them to or recommend that they do so? If so, who and under what circumstances? was the contribution made in return for a actions done or to be done by Senator Tower? IE, was it their understanding that the contributions were related to Tower's support of any Sperry programs--and if so, explain. Were they reimbursed for their contribution? If so, how and at whose instruction? How was the contribution delivered--ie, did they each deliver their contributions directly to Tower, or were the checks given to a third person for delivery to Tower? If the latter was the case, who collected the check?

[redacted]
NEW YORK, N.Y

[redacted] Senator Tower and left that position to go first to the [redacted] (supposedly with the support of Tower) and then to [redacted]

He is an associate of [redacted]

[redacted] claims to have spent some amount of time in Tower's

office when [redacted] may be able to verify that [redacted] did in fact call upon Tower, and may also know what programs or other matters [redacted] was promoting in his meetings with Tower. Also, [redacted] may or may not be aware of contributions which Tower received from [redacted] or his associates. He should be asked what knowledge he would have of contributions to Tower generally, and from [redacted] in particular.

He should also be asked about his knowledge of Tower's dealings with [redacted] who operated [redacted]. Some were in Texas; it is thought [redacted] included an [redacted] possibly in San Antonio. [redacted] claims to have met with Tower and some of his staff, sometimes in San Antonio, and also claims that Tower helped his [redacted] with a problem it had [redacted] in San Antonio. If [redacted] is aware of an acquaintance between [redacted] Tower, he should be asked to describe it fully, including any particular matters on which Tower was asked to help, or did help, [redacted] or his business. In addition, if [redacted] is aware of any contributions made by [redacted] or PAC contributions made by a company or [redacted] he should be asked to describe this as well.

Kane Paper Related Interviews:

The following Names were obtained from a folder acquired during search conducted at Kane Paper labeled [redacted]

1. [redacted] 3/18/82
2. [redacted] 3/16/82
3. [redacted] 3/18/82
4. [redacted] 4/12/82

Attempt to locate and interview the above listed to ascertain information with regard to these contributions as previously explained.

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[redacted] FL 32074

[redacted] was paid as [redacted] should be asked the circumstances surrounding his contribution to Tower: why did he give the contribution to Tower; did anyone ask, direct, or recommend to him that he do so? If so, who? was the contribution made in return for a favor? Is he aware of any activity by Senator Tower done as a favor for Sperry or anyone else, which was the reason for the contributions being made? How was the contribution delivered (ie, did he personally deliver the contribution, or was his check delivered by another party)? If

the latter was the case, describe the mechanism.

LEADS:

NEW YORK AND JACKSONVILLE WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEWS AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

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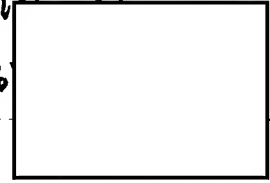
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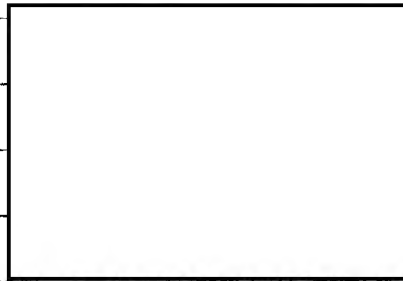
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SUBJECT: ILLWIND; MAJOR CASE 14; OO:WMFO.

RE WMFO TELCALL TO HOUSTON DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1989.

REFERENCED TELCAL ADVISED THAT WMFO SA'S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE ARRANGED AN INTERVIEW IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON
FEBRUARY 15, 1989 WITH [REDACTED] WAS
THE [REDACTED] FORMER SENATOR JOHN G. TOUVER, AND
HE IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN HOUSTON.

DURING THE DEBRIEFING OF A SUBJECT WHO IS NOW COOPERATION IN

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CAPTIONED MATTER ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE THAT ANOTHER SUBJECT,
[REDACTED] MADE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOWER AMOUNTING TO
[REDACTED] FINANCIAL RECORDS OBTAINED FROM A SEARCH OF
[REDACTED] RESIDENCE ON JUNE 14, 1988 WERE REVIEWED AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WERE LOCATED FROM [REDACTED] IN
VIEW OF THIS FBIHQ HAS REQUESTED THAT TWO WFO AGENTS FAMILIAR
WITH CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW [REDACTED] THIS INTERVIEW
NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS INFORMATION
DEVELOPED WILL BE PROVIDED TO FBIHQ AS PART OF THE INQUIRY BEING
CONDUCTED RELATIVE TO TOWER'S NOMINATION AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

SA'S [REDACTED] ANTICIPATE TRAVELING TO HOUSTON ON
THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 15, 1989 AND WILL COORDINATE WITH THE
HOUSTON DIVISION. SAC'S WFO AND HOUSTON CONCUR ON NEED TO
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/16/89

On February 15, 1989, Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] [redacted] FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), interviewed [redacted] at the Houston Field Office of the FBI. The agents identified themselves by display of credentials and advised [redacted] of the nature of the interview. He then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised he was introduced to Senator JOHN TOWER of Texas in [redacted] (PH) in connection with a [redacted] [redacted] was unsure of the exact title. [redacted] advised that based upon [redacted] background [redacted] was appointed to this position in January, 1974 after an interview with TOWER and [redacted] stated he remained in this position until May, 1975.

[redacted] noted that TOWER's staff consisted of forty (40) to fifty (50) individuals. [redacted] for TOWER. [redacted] said he was primarily responsible for [redacted] He noted that other staff members were responsible for legislation concerning other matters.

[redacted] stated that he periodically met with constituents of Senator TOWER's concerning [redacted] Other staff members met with constituents regarding other matters. Although most contacts with constituents occurred at the Senator's office, [redacted] said he and other staff members would occasionally attend dinners and trade events where they would meet with constituents.

[redacted] stated he also had contact with lobbyists regarding energy matters. [redacted] advised that his contacts with lobbyists were similar to the contacts described with constituents.

In regard to campaign contributions, [redacted] stated that all campaign contributions were handled through Senator TOWER's [redacted] advised that all of the staff members in Senator TOWER's office were sensitive to the regulations and laws concerning campaign contributions. [redacted] said that no campaign contributions were to be accepted at Senator TOWER's office. Anyone desiring to make a campaign contribution would be referred to [redacted] and told where contributions could be made. [redacted] had no recollection of any campaign contributions from lobbyists to Senator TOWER.

Investigation on 2/15/89 at Houston, Texas File # WF 58A-2151(FV)

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[redacted] stated that he was aware that campaign fundraisers were held periodically for Senator TOWER. [redacted] recalled the fundraisers were organized by [redacted] advised he had no involvement in campaign fundraisers and was not aware of any involvement of other staff members of Senator TOWER in campaign fundraisers. He noted, however, that his employment on Senator TOWER's staff, on both occasions, occurred between elections when fundraisers were not needed on a frequent basis.

[redacted] stated he left Senator TOWER's staff in May, 1975 and became an [redacted] (PH). He remained with this firm until January, 1976 when he accepted a position as [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan. He remained in this position until July, 1979 when he accepted a position as [redacted]

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[redacted] to Senator TOWER, [redacted] was responsible for [redacted] [redacted] One of his first responsibilities for Senator TOWER was to [redacted] Senator TOWER's campaign debt from the 1978 election. [redacted] recalled this debt was approximately \$300,000. [redacted] accomplished this task by reviewing campaign records of vendors providing services to the campaign and determining if all services were received from these vendors. If all services were received, payment would be sent to the vendors. If only partial services were received, [redacted] recontacted the vendor and negotiated a reduced price for the contract. [redacted] stated the remaining campaign debt balance was liquidated by campaign fundraisers arranged by [redacted] in Austin, Texas. [redacted] recalled [redacted] was also involved in the organization of these fundraisers.

In regard to fundraisers, [redacted] stated his responsibility [redacted] for Senator TOWER was to [redacted] with the Senator's schedule to ensure Senator TOWER's [redacted]

In regard to contact with constituents, [redacted] coordinated contacts between constituents and various members of TOWER's staff. [redacted] stated he would initially meet with constituents and determine their complaint, inquiry, or interest. [redacted] would then refer them to the appropriate staff member or agency.

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[redacted] would periodically meet with lobbyists and/or their clients who wanted to meet with Senator TOWER. [redacted] would determine if the lobbyists' request for an appointment with Senator TOWER was absolutely necessary, or if their inquiry could be handled at a lower level. [redacted] stated many of the lobbyists contacting Senator TOWER's office represented various defense contractors. These lobbyists would be referred to [redacted] of Senator TOWER's staff who was responsible for [redacted] [redacted] noted [redacted] Senator TOWER's [redacted] also maintained liaison with lobbyists for defense contractors.

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_____ stated he had certain responsibilities regarding campaign contributions. It was his duty to ensure that said contributions were made "strictly to the letter and spirit of the law." _____ said he would be provided with lists of contributors and amounts from Senator TOWER's campaign finance office in Austin, Texas.

In regard to the Campaign Finance Office for Senator TOWER, _____ stated this operation was separate and distinct from Senator TOWER's Congressional Staff. _____ noted the campaign finance staff was paid from campaign contributions and had no involvement with Senator TOWER's Congressional Staff. They were responsible for receiving all campaign contributions for Senator TOWER; accounting for money; reporting all contributions to the Federal Election Commission; and sending copies of campaign contribution lists to _____ for review. _____ stated, _____ he was liaison between Senator TOWER's office and _____ in Austin, Texas.

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In regard to the campaign contributions list, _____ was asked if he was aware of any political favors requested of, or given by, Senator TOWER to big contributors. _____ response was an emphatic "no," and he added that "no one could buy that guy." _____ stated that Senator TOWER was against political favors for any contributors, regardless of the amounts contributed.

In regard to the SPERRY-UNISYS CORPORATION (SUC), _____ stated that the company had a Capitol Hill lobbyist but could not recall his name. _____ was asked whether he knew _____ advised he was introduced to _____ in 1981 by _____. _____ described _____ as a good friend of _____ and thought _____ had a business relationship. _____ stated he never introduced _____ to Senator TOWER and was not aware of any relationship between the two. _____ stated he was not aware of _____ exact position with SUC, but did know that _____ held an executive position with the company.

In regard to _____ recalled he was introduced to _____ through a _____ in the Spring of 1981 at the University Club in Washington, D.C. _____ stated the meeting with _____ occurred while _____ was still _____ Senator TOWER. _____ told _____ that he worked for defense contractors but repeatedly stated that he was not a lobbyist. From this initial meeting, a close friendship developed between the two which has continued through the years. _____ advised that he was not aware of any campaign contributions made by _____ to Senator TOWER. _____ believed he would have recalled seeing _____ name on a campaign contributors list if _____ had made contributions to Senator TOWER.

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_____ advised in Spring, 1981, Senator TOWER was under consideration for the position of Secretary of Defense and members of Senator TOWER's staff were being considered for other positions. _____ was contacted by _____ an attorney in Washington, D.C., concerning the open position of _____. _____ suggested that _____ apply for the position based upon _____ experience in energy-related matters.

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Subsequently, _____ contacted Senator TOWER and suggested TOWER encourage _____ to take the position. Senator TOWER then met with _____ and strongly urged _____ to reconsider the position. Senator TOWER offered _____ his full support and subsequently recommended _____ for the position by sponsoring a letter in the Senate. _____ was appointed to this position on June 5, 1981.

At the _____ was responsible for 1,800 employees who handled _____ sought Senator TOWER's help on only one occasion. _____ recalled a _____ previously passed by Congress had serious flaws and needed to be amended. This could not be done without the support of high-ranking administration officials. _____ contacted Senator TOWER regarding the problem, seeking the Senator's support, and requesting that Senator TOWER arrange a meeting between _____ and high-ranking administration officials. Subsequently, Senator TOWER arranged a meeting at the White House between _____ Senator TOWER, _____ staff member, _____. The meeting lasted approximately ninety (90) minutes and _____ was provided a briefing of the _____. _____ could not recall any other instances in which Senator TOWER assisted him as _____.

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Sometime in 1983 while _____ was still _____ recalled receiving a telephone call from _____ stated he represented SPERRY-UNISYS CORPORATION (SUC) which was interested in _____ (not further described) under consideration by the Department of Defense. _____ asked _____ to contact Senator TOWER to determine if the Senator was interested in the radar package and if Senator TOWER would support it. Subsequently, _____ contacted Senator TOWER's office regarding _____. _____ felt it was not necessary to contact Senator TOWER and spoke to a member of his staff, possibly _____. _____ was told Senator TOWER was interested in the package, that the Senator supported the package, and that it was already included in the defense budget. _____ reported this information back to _____.

_____ advised the action he took on behalf of _____ was a common courtesy. _____ added that he never expected or received any payment for this courtesy.

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After leaving _____ in 1983, _____ stated he has had little or no contact with Senator TOWER. He further stated he may have seen the Senator at an occasional party over the years, but does not recall the last time he spoke with him. _____ still considers Senator TOWER a friend.

_____ was then questioned about his relationship with _____. _____ described _____ for Senator TOWER. _____ first met _____ through _____ during a brief period when _____ was moving his family to Washington. _____ contacted _____ and was allowed to stay at _____ home during this period. A close personal relationship developed between _____ and _____.

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_____ did not know how long _____ and Senator TOWER have known each other.

In regard to _____ stated he maintained contact with _____ after _____ left _____. He described his relationship with _____ as primarily social. However, in 1984, he recalled receiving a telephone call from _____ regarding defense contracts. _____ suggested that _____ and _____ asked _____ if he would recontact Senator TOWER's office regarding the _____ previously discussed. _____ wanted to know the status of and support for _____. _____ subsequently contacted Senator TOWER's office and spoke to another staff member (name not recalled) regarding the support and progress of _____. _____ was advised of the status and continued support of _____ and then reported the information back to _____. Subsequently, _____ received _____. _____ believed the payment was received in a lump sum and _____ that the payment was for _____ efforts concerning the _____. _____ advised he had not expected to receive any payment concerning this matter and was extremely surprised at the amount received from _____. In addition to this amount, _____ advised _____ that approximately _____ given to _____ from _____ in 1983 were considered to be paid in full.

_____ was then questioned about _____ he received from _____ in 1983. _____ stated the _____ was a total amount of _____ which he received from _____ while he was at _____. _____ could not recall the specific purpose _____ but implied during the interview _____ in December, 1982. _____ was adamant that _____ received from _____ in 1983 were not, at the time, a payment for his efforts concerning _____. _____ stated he would have felt "extremely awkward" receiving any payment concerning his inquiries of _____ while _____. In regard to the _____ stated no formal agreement existed and _____ was a "handshake" agreement between friends.

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_____ was shown a check dated June 28, 1984 for _____ payable to _____ from MET ASSOCIATES, INC. _____ stated he did not know the company MET ASSOCIATES. However, upon closer examination of the check, he noted the signature _____ and believed MET ASSOCIATES _____ identified _____ signature on the reverse of the check. He could not recall if this _____ was part of the _____ or if it was payment by _____ for _____ services concerning _____.

_____ was then shown a check dated August 2, 1984 from AZTECH SERVICES LTD. _____ signed by _____ and made payable to _____. _____ recognized _____. _____ this check may also have been partial payment _____. He was not familiar with the company AZTECH SERVICES, and could not recall having any business relationship with either this company or MET ASSOCIATES.

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_____ was then shown a check dated March 7, 1985 made payable to _____ from MET ASSOCIATES _____ and signed by _____ "_____ could not recall receiving this check, and could not think of any reason why the check stated in 1985 he was working for _____ and was making a substantial amount of money. He had no need to _____ during this period. He did not believe this money was for his services concerning _____ because he recalled receiving a lump sum check for his efforts. After receiving _____ from _____ and the _____ recalled _____

In regard to MET ASSOCIATES, _____ was not aware of any relationship between MET ASSOCIATES and his employer, _____ stated the checks would not have been for any services provided by _____ representing _____

In regard to all monies received by _____ emphatically stated that none of this money was given to Senator TOWER in any form. He was then asked whether _____ his family, or his company acted as a conduit to receive payments or items of value for the benefit of Senator TOWER from anyone. _____ replied, "No." He was asked the same basic question concerning campaign contributions, honoraria, and bribes. _____ again responded "no." _____ stated he was not aware of anyone or any company acting as a conduit for Senator TOWER. He was also not aware of the existence of any off-shore accounts for Senator TOWER.

In defense of Senator TOWER, _____ volunteered that he has never seen the Senator drunk or in the company of any women but his first or second wives. _____ reiterated Senator TOWER's "utter disdain for anyone using personal contacts for personal gain."

_____ is not aware of any relationship between Senator TOWER and the following:

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--AZTECH SERVICES, LTD.

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_____ was questioned concerning statements on his 1981 financial disclosure report listing notes valued at between _____ from _____ noted these assets were part of _____

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[REDACTED] was asked about his relationship with [REDACTED] stated he had met him but there was no relationship between [REDACTED] recalled that Senator TOWER and [REDACTED] knew each other and that Senator TOWER recommended [REDACTED] for the position of [REDACTED]. He could not provide any additional information regarding their relationship. [REDACTED] was not aware of any efforts by [REDACTED] to obtain campaign contributions on Senator TOWER's behalf.

BACKGROUND DATA:

Full Name:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Social Security Number:
Home Address:

Midland, Texas

Houston, Texas

Telephone:

Employment:

September 9, 1988 to present: Self-employed.

October 7, 1983 - September 9, 1988:
Associate-

June, 1981 - October 7, 1983:

June, 1979 - June, 1981:

January, 1976 - June, 1979:

Detroit, Michigan

May, 1975 - January, 1976:

Texas

1974 - May, 1975:

1971 - 1974: Employed at

Education:

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Tower's Lucrative Oil Investment in 1981 Raises Questions on Role in U.S. Judge's Nomination

By DAVID ROGERS

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WASHINGTON—As a Texas senator, John Tower profited from a lucrative oil investment arranged in 1981 with the help of a Corpus Christi lawyer whose son Mr. Tower had named for nomination to the federal bench only weeks before.

Financial disclosure forms filed by Mr. Tower indicate he put up no capital of his own and financed his entire investment with a five-year \$108,000 promissory note from a now-defunct San Antonio bank. The money served to purchase machinery, which was then leased to a Corpus Christi drilling firm under terms that allowed the senator to pay off the note while profiting from the rental payments and resale of the equipment in 1986.



John Tower

Though a precise total isn't available of Mr. Tower's earnings, the resale price was approximately \$25,000 and Mr. Tower himself estimated in 1986 that he was netting \$600 a month, or \$7,200 annually, after making payments on the loan.

The late Hayden Head Sr., then a prominent conservative lawyer in Corpus Christi, was instrumental in arranging the transaction, according to people familiar with the former senator's finances. The transaction closely coincided with the appointment of the lawyer's son, Hayden Head Jr., to the federal bench, with Mr. Tower playing an active role on his behalf before and after the execution of the note in May 1981.

Denies 'Quid Pro Quo'

A spokesman for Mr. Tower "absolutely" denied there had been any "quid pro quo" between the oil investment and judicial nomination. But the sequence of events raises more questions of the type that has troubled the Senate Armed Services Committee in reviewing Mr. Tower's nomination to be defense secretary.

In recent years, the former senator has earned an estimated \$750,000 as a consultant to major Pentagon contractors, and committee members have expressed concern about both the sums involved and his ability to make decisions that will affect his former clients.

Amid the continued controversy around Mr. Tower, the oil transaction has gone almost unnoticed. White House counsel C. Boyden Gray said yesterday that he was unfamiliar with the matter or whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation had questioned any of those involved.

The latest FBI report on its checks into Mr. Tower was forwarded to the Senate committee late yesterday, and the administration hopes to use this vehicle to pressure for a vote on the nomination before the end of the week.

Meeting With Gray

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) said yesterday that he hopes to have a vote this week. Mr. Gray came to Capitol Hill last night to meet with Mr. Nunn and the committee's ranking Republican, Sen. John Warner of Virginia, regarding the latest FBI report.

President Bush met earlier in the day with Mr. Gray on the 140-page FBI report, according to White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, who said: "The report shows no reason why Sen. Tower should not be confirmed, in our judgment." He added, "The president urges that Sen. Tower be confirmed as soon as possible."

At the time of his nomination in 1981, the younger Mr. Head, then 36 years old, had the support of distinguished members of the Texas bar. But none was more important politically than Mr. Tower. As the state's senior Republican, Mr. Tower had virtual control over federal judgeships in Texas. In the first years of the Reagan administration, says one Democrat familiar with the Senate and Texas politics, "Anyone who was named to the bench—he was named by Tower."

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Mr. Tower recommended the nomination in March 1981 to President Reagan, who forwarded Mr. Head's name to Congress in September. Mr. Tower later appeared on Mr. Head's behalf before the Senate Judiciary Committee but never mentioned any relationship with the nominee's father, according to committee records of the October 1981 hearing. Sen. Charles Grassley (R., Iowa), a committee member, cited the young nominee's "relative lack of trial experience," but the younger Mr. Head was confirmed two weeks later by the full Senate on Oct. 21.

'Deeply Respected'

As a federal district court judge in Corpus Christi, he continues to serve on the bench and denied any knowledge of what his father's role was in the transaction. "That may mean something on the face of it to you," he said. "It doesn't mean anything to me. The whole state of Texas deeply respected my father, and I've done a damn fine job as a judge."

Though his exact role is unclear, the elder Mr. Head—who was killed in a plane crash in July 1987—was well situated to assist the senator. He and Mr. Tower were mutual friends of James Storm, whose firm, Marine Drilling, leased the equipment. The lawyer also was close personally to a senior director at Mercantile Bank in San Antonio, which wrote the loan.

"Hayden Head was the one who brought the deal to him," said a Tower associate last week. Yesterday, the same associate, who is helping the senator in his confirmation fight, said he may have overstated Mr. Head's role. But a second person familiar with Mr. Tower's finances identified Mr. Head as the person who "set up" the deal, and notations in Mr. Tower's papers allude to Mr. Head in connection with the investment.

ing Mr. Tower's financial dis-
forms, the machinery, known as a
out preventer," was purchased May
81, and financed by a \$108,000 note
in the Mercantile Bank. The terms ap-
ear unusually favorable, with interest set
at only one point above the federal dis-
count rate during the life of the loan. Secu-
rity was provided by the lease arrange-
ment. In the heyday of oil exploration, sim-
ply acquiring the equipment was some-
thing of a coup, according to people famil-
iar with the industry.

'There's No End'

Mr. Storm, who confirmed that Marine
Drilling had a "deal" with Mr. Tower, de-
clined to release the terms of the lease.
"We're digging into something where
there's no end," he said. A prominent fig-
ure in Corpus Christi, he was friendly him-
self with the senator and said he couldn't
recall what role Mr. Head might have had
in the transaction.

"I was very glad to get it," the driller
said of the equipment, which is a system of
valves that serves to protect against blow-
outs when a rig hits a pocket of high pres-
sure—in this case offshore. "I hope he
made some money on it."

Apart from charges of conflict-of-inter-
est, Mr. Tower remains dogged by allega-
tions regarding his drinking and relations
with women. Senior staff members of the
Armed Services panel met yesterday with
Berne Indahl, a State Department security
officer who investigated allegations of se-
curity breaches in a U.S. arms control de-
legation of which Mr. Tower was a member
after leaving the Senate.

Mr. Indahl is likely to testify in execu-
tive session before the House Energy and
Commerce Committee tomorrow on a re-
lated matter, and his presence in the Capi-
tol has fanned allegations of Mr. Tower
having personal relations with women staff
at the arms talks in Geneva.

Number of Charges

As early as last week, law enforcement
officials said the FBI report would clear
Mr. Tower of allegations regarding illegal
campaign contributions and free transpor-
tation provided by an arms contractor. But
the committee remains troubled by the
sheer number of charges—less easily re-
futed—that require senators to make per-
sonal and often subjective judgments about
Mr. Tower's behavior.

There is concern about his drinking,
particularly about a period in the 1970s.
Much of the FBI reports received to date
by the panel have been more a compilation
of statements by individuals and make no
firm conclusions. "We're up to our hip
boots," said Mr. Warner, who remained
closeted with Mr. Nunn even after Mr.
Gray had returned to the White House.

The long confirmation process has ag-
gravated both sides, and Mr. Nunn has re-
sented suggestions that he is pursuing his
own agenda of weakening the secretary or
holding up other Pentagon business.

"There's no 50-car pileup," said one
Democratic staff member of Armed Serv-
ices, denying a report that other nomina-
tions for civilian defense posts have been
put on hold by the committee. "We don't
act on nominations until we receive them,